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Table 1. WHEAT: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade:						Total
	: North : Minneapolis		Kansas City	Other	contract	markets	
	: Pacific:	Grain	Board of	Trade	markets		
	: Coast	: Exchange					
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday							
2	13,002	---	1,424	3,198	173	17,797	
3	10,184	---	1,513	2,037	185	13,919	
4	8,291	---	742	1,336	193	10,562	
5	7,408	---	1,089	1,170	225	9,892	
6	5,972	---	1,337	820	131	8,260	
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	10,008	---	1,421	1,536	125	13,090	
10	8,520	---	1,015	866	173	10,574	
11	9,733	---	1,718	1,783	181	13,415	
12	6,361	---	1,646	1,246	173	9,426	
13	5,586	---	1,605	1,514	150	8,855	
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	6,439	---	1,674	1,425	61	9,599	
17	5,364	---	1,699	1,715	99	8,877	
18	4,620	---	1,790	1,492	152	8,054	
19	6,921	---	2,168	1,701	133	10,923	
20	6,292	---	1,504	1,608	136	9,540	
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	10,228	---	1,562	1,619	183	13,592	
24	6,574	---	1,312	1,610	142	9,638	
25	8,464	---	1,121	1,945	264	11,794	
26	7,910	---	1,457	1,171	152	10,690	
27	5,001	---	802	855	132	6,790	
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	13,568	---	1,817	1,387	185	16,957	
31	15,780	---	1,689	2,260	244	19,973	
Total							
Mar. 1953	182,226	---	32,105	34,294	3,592	252,217	
Feb. 1953	226,537	---	27,729	44,483	4,844	303,593	
Mar. 1952	199,375	---	41,813	38,093	6,983	286,264	

Table 2. WHEAT: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953						
March						
Sunday						
2	1,883	6,269	3,972	688	190	13,002
3	1,962	5,275	2,293	429	225	10,184
4	1,074	4,636	1,412	791	378	8,291
5	717	4,345	1,739	437	170	7,408
6	436	3,347	1,418	443	328	5,972
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	318	5,791	2,465	774	660	10,008
10	203	4,590	2,628	408	691	8,520
11	217	4,872	3,114	846	684	9,733
12	124	3,419	1,970	359	489	6,361
13	50	3,458	1,504	343	231	5,586
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	85	3,976	1,732	357	289	6,439
17	56	3,075	1,543	374	316	5,364
18	87	2,738	1,527	185	83	4,620
19	155	4,108	1,840	537	281	6,921
20	195	3,075	2,173	293	556	6,292
Saturday						
Sunday						
23	---	6,040	2,700	770	718	10,228
24	---	3,457	2,130	423	564	6,574
25	---	3,796	3,156	921	591	8,464
26	---	4,029	2,589	735	557	7,910
27	---	2,817	1,376	280	528	5,001
Saturday						
Sunday						
30	---	6,729	4,230	1,296	1,313	13,568
31	---	6,876	5,556	1,738	1,610	15,780
Total						
Mar. 1953	7,562	96,718	53,067	13,427	11,452	182,226
Feb. 1953	35,748	128,758	43,417	14,303	4,311	226,537
Mar. 1952	12,017	125,652	37,070	17,057	7,579	199,375

Table 3. WHEAT: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade:						
	North		Minneapolis		Kansas City		Other
	Pacific		Grain		Board of		contract
	Coast	Exchange	Trade	T	Trade	T	markets
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday							
2	54,392	---	9,030	14,960	559	78,941	
3	53,476	---	8,987	15,096	559	78,118	
4	53,238	---	8,895	14,950	588	77,671	
5	53,549	---	8,891	14,764	573	77,777	
6	53,472	---	8,848	14,679	599	77,598	
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	54,690	---	8,591	14,305	595	78,181	
10	55,280	---	8,471	14,302	608	78,661	
11	55,195	---	8,503	14,251	590	78,539	
12	55,000	---	8,368	14,202	605	78,175	
13	55,609	---	8,388	13,759	585	78,341	
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	56,013	---	8,380	13,551	586	78,530	
17	56,510	---	8,374	13,319	617	78,820	
18	56,950	---	8,604	12,899	616	79,069	
19	57,389	---	8,659	12,977	601	79,626	
20	57,699	---	8,463	13,285	608	80,055	
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	57,020	---	8,692	13,278	616	79,606	
24	57,445	---	8,667	12,975	637	79,724	
25	57,648	---	8,810	12,400	633	79,491	
26	57,124	---	8,748	12,372	637	78,881	
27	57,052	---	8,794	12,157	618	78,621	
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	56,303	---	8,507	12,173	610	77,593	
31	54,304	---	8,306	11,922	618	75,150	

Table 4. WHEAT:

Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953 March						
Sunday						
2	3,382	29,239	14,506	5,345	1,920	54,392
3	2,268	29,141	14,707	5,363	1,997	53,476
4	1,559	29,263	14,984	5,347	2,085	53,238
5	1,167	29,699	15,194	5,364	2,125	53,549
6	859	29,774	15,067	5,425	2,347	53,472
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	687	30,513	15,187	5,688	2,615	54,690
10	589	30,645	15,427	5,732	2,887	55,280
11	465	30,499	15,327	5,870	3,034	55,195
12	407	30,283	15,237	5,950	3,123	55,000
13	314	30,618	15,467	6,025	3,185	55,609
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	314	30,626	15,692	6,088	3,293	56,013
17	258	30,729	15,859	6,199	3,465	56,510
18	242	30,892	16,136	6,221	3,459	56,950
19	166	30,927	16,374	6,295	3,627	57,389
20	124	30,786	16,467	6,402	3,920	57,699
Saturday						
Sunday						
23	---	30,545	16,019	6,358	4,098	57,020
24	---	30,886	16,103	6,331	4,125	57,445
25	---	30,667	16,272	6,603	4,106	57,648
26	---	30,248	16,260	6,564	4,052	57,124
27	---	30,069	16,160	6,651	4,172	57,052
Saturday						
Sunday						
30	---	29,296	15,745	6,724	4,538	56,303
31	---	27,985	15,165	6,594	4,560	54,304

Table 5. WHEAT: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City
March 1953

Date	1953 May future		
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Kansas City
	Board of Trade	Grain Exchange	Board of Trade
1953			
March	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
Sunday			
2	229 1/2	234 7/8	232 1/8
3	228 7/8-29	234	231 1/8
4	228-28 1/8	233 3/4 b	230 3/4
5	229 3/8-1/2	234 7/8	231 7/8
6	229 1/2-5/8	235 5/8	232
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	228 1/4-1/2	235 1/8	231 1/4-3/8
10	227 5/8-3/4	235	230 1/2
11	229 3/4-7/8	236 3/4	232 1/2
12	229 3/8-1/2	236 7/8	232
13	230 5/8-7/8	237 5/8	233 1/8-1/4
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	229 3/8-1/2	237 1/2	232 5/8
17	229 7/8-30	237 7/8	233 1/2
18	231 1/8	238 7/8	234 1/2-5/8
19	231 1/2	239 5/8	234 3/4-35 1/4
20	230 1/2-5/8	239 1/4	234 3/4-7/8
Saturday			
Sunday			
23	228 1/4-3/8	238 1/4	233 5/8
24	229 5/8-3/4	239	234 1/2-5/8
25	228-28 1/8	238 1/4	233 1/2
26	228 1/8-1/4	238 1/4	233
27	229 1/8-1/4	238 7/8	233 5/8
Saturday			
Sunday			
30	225-25 1/4	235 7/8	230
31	224 1/2-5/8	235 5/8 a	229 7/8

Table 6. WHEAT: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953 March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday 2	:225 7/8	224	225 1/4-3/8	:230 5/8	228 3/4	229 1/2	:232 3/4	230 5/6	231 1/2
3	:225 3/8	224 1/4	224 3/8-1/2	:229 5/8	228 1/2	228 7/8-29	:231 1/4	230 1/2	231 1/8
4	:224 1/2	223 1/2	223 5/8-3/4	:229	227 7/8	228 1/8	:231 1/4	230 1/4	230 5/8
5	:225 1/2	224 1/8	225 3/4	:229 3/4	228 5/8	229 3/8-1/2	:231 5/8	230 3/4	231 3/8
6	:225 5/8	224 7/8	225 1/8-1/4	:230	229 1/4	229 1/2-5/8	:232	231 1/8	231 3/8-1/2
Saturday :									
Sunday 9	:225 1/4	223 7/8	223 7/8-24	:229 1/2	228 1/8	228 1/4-1/2	:231 3/8	230 1/4	230 3/8-1/2
10	:224	223	223 3/8	:228 1/4	227 3/8	227 5/8-3/4	:230 1/4	229 1/4	230
11	:226 5/8	224 5/8	225 5/8	:230 3/8	228	229 3/4-7/8	:232 3/4	229 7/8	232 1/8
12	:226 5/8	225 1/2	225 3/4	:230 1/2	229 1/4	229 3/8-1/2	:232 3/4	231 5/8	231 5/8-3/4
13	:227	225 7/8	226 3/4	:230 7/8	229 1/2	230 5/8-7/8	:232 7/8	231 3/8	232 3/4-7/8
Saturday :									
Sunday 16	-226 5/8	225 3/4	225 3/4	:230 5/8	229 3/8	229 3/8-1/2	:232 7/8	231 1/4	231 1/4-3/8
17	:226 5/8	226 3/8	226 3/8	:230 3/8	229 3/8	229 7/8-30	:232	231 3/8	231 5/8-3/4
18	:227 3/4	226 1/2	227 3/4	:231 1/4	229 7/8	231 1/8	:232 3/4	231 5/8	232 5/8
19	:228 7/8	227 5/8	228 1/8	:232	230 7/8	231 1/2	:233 5/8	232 1/2	233-33 1/8
20	:228	227	227 1/4	:231 1/2	230 1/2	230 1/2-5/8	:233 3/8	232 3/8	232 3/8-1/2
Saturday :									
Sunday 23	----	----	----	:230 1/2	228 1/8	228 1/4-3/8	:232 1/2	230 3/8	230 1/2-5/8
24	----	----	----	:229 3/4	228 1/2	229 5/8-3/4	:232 1/8	230 3/4	232
25	----	----	----	:229 7/8	227 5/8	228 1/8	:232 1/4	230 1/8	230 1/2
26	----	----	----	:228 5/8	227 3/8	228 1/8-1/4	:231	229 1/2	230 5/8-3/4
27	----	----	----	:229 1/2	228 3/8	229 1/8-1/4	:232	231	231 5/8-3/4
Saturday :									
Sunday 30	----	----	----	:228	225	225-25 1/4	:229 3/4	227 1/4	227 3/8-1/2
31	----	----	----	:225 5/8	222 1/8	224 1/2-5/8	:227 3/4	224 1/2	226 5/8

Table 7. CORN: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago	Other contract markets	Total
	Board of Trade		
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday			
2	12,370	117	12,487
3	12,168	203	12,371
4	10,540	145	10,685
5	6,553	118	6,671
6	7,437	76	7,513
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	10,221	238	10,459
10	7,996	155	8,151
11	8,000	59	8,059
12	6,032	57	6,089
13	6,586	51	6,637
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	5,032	33	5,065
17	8,026	68	8,094
18	12,736	151	12,887
19	12,797	77	12,874
20	8,373	53	8,426
Saturday			
Sunday			
23	9,162	73	9,235
24	6,430	52	6,482
25	6,885	68	6,953
26	5,512	45	5,557
27	5,702	42	5,744
Saturday			
Sunday			
30	14,391	93	14,484
31	12,606	143	12,749
Total			
Mar. 1953	195,555	2,117	197,672
Feb. 1953	258,861	3,188	262,049
Mar. 1952	187,109	3,938	191,047

Table 8. CORN, Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953						
March						
Sunday						
2	2,471	6,731	2,652	171	345	12,370
3	1,922	6,991	2,768	418	69	12,168
4	1,178	5,747	2,836	516	263	10,540
5	561	4,919	892	151	50	6,553
6	354	5,394	1,484	92	113	7,437
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	328	7,037	2,508	280	68	10,221
10	189	6,250	1,247	225	85	7,996
11	346	5,951	1,347	220	136	8,000
12	229	3,980	1,415	312	96	6,032
13	175	4,537	1,206	454	214	6,586
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	128	3,319	1,369	146	70	5,032
17	268	5,806	1,840	77	35	8,026
18	556	8,123	3,260	644	153	12,736
19	281	9,034	2,815	540	127	12,797
20	924	5,198	1,615	511	125	8,373
Saturday						
Sunday						
23	---	6,571	2,054	350	187	9,162
24	---	4,436	1,482	374	138	6,430
25	---	4,436	1,620	373	456	6,885
26	---	3,259	1,788	323	142	5,512
27	---	3,605	1,351	490	256	5,702
Saturday						
Sunday						
30	---	8,219	4,714	875	583	14,391
31	---	7,300	3,946	775	585	12,606
Total						
Mar. 1953	9,910	126,843	46,209	8,317	4,276	195,555
Feb. 1953	38,260	154,277	53,097	10,740	2,487	258,861
Mar. 1952	4,207	103,086	56,670	18,781	4,365	187,109

Table 9. CORN: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Other contract markets	Total
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000
<u>March</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Sunday			
2	68,065	948	69,013
3	69,263	954	70,217
4	69,028	924	69,952
5	67,859	918	68,777
6	67,457	905	68,362
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	65,951	888	66,839
10	65,242	877	66,119
11	65,330	868	66,198
12	65,819	837	66,656
13	65,709	840	66,549
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	66,060	837	66,897
17	66,123	831	66,954
18	66,351	813	67,164
19	66,140	832	66,972
20	65,569	829	66,398
Saturday			
Sunday			
23	64,518	829	65,347
24	64,851	841	65,692
25	64,519	836	65,355
26	64,648	842	65,490
27	64,397	838	65,235
Saturday			
Sunday			
30	63,563	807	64,370
31	62,970	822	63,792

Table 10. CORN: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953							
March							
Sunday							
2	3,905	38,627	20,168	3,772	1,593	68,065	
3	3,740	39,188	20,878	3,828	1,629	69,263	
4	2,926	38,783	21,764	4,005	1,550	69,028	
5	2,333	37,983	21,951	4,025	1,567	67,859	
6	2,083	37,487	22,204	4,034	1,649	67,457	
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	1,812	36,590	21,818	4,060	1,671	65,951	
10	1,670	36,261	21,559	4,029	1,723	65,242	
11	1,491	36,307	21,681	4,055	1,796	65,330	
12	1,469	36,492	21,819	4,228	1,811	65,819	
13	1,376	36,309	21,871	4,214	1,939	65,709	
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	1,247	36,472	22,149	4,255	1,937	66,060	
17	1,122	36,700	22,114	4,240	1,947	66,123	
18	814	37,060	22,037	4,467	1,973	66,351	
19	705	36,643	22,390	4,403	1,999	66,140	
20	188	36,346	22,620	4,431	1,984	65,569	
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	---	35,313	22,618	4,551	2,036	64,518	
24	---	35,280	22,875	4,654	2,042	64,851	
25	---	34,682	22,958	4,724	2,155	64,519	
26	---	34,288	23,362	4,852	2,146	64,648	
27	---	33,681	23,524	5,021	2,171	64,397	
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	---	32,650	23,526	4,946	2,441	63,563	
31	---	31,863	23,580	5,038	2,489	62,970	

Table 11. CORN: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday									
2	:155 1/2	154	155 1/2	:156 1/8-1/4	154 1/2	155 1/4	:159 3/8	157 7/8	159 1/4-3/8
3	:156 3/4	155 1/4	156 1/8-1/4	:160 5/8	159 1/4	160 1/4-3/8	:163 1/2	162 1/4	163-63 1/8
4	:156 1/2	154 1/2	154 3/4	:160 5/8	158 5/8	158 3/4-7/8	:163 1/4	161 7/8	162-62 1/8
5	:155 1/2	154 7/8	155 1/8	:159 5/8	158 7/8	159-59 1/8	:162 5/8	162 1/4	162 1/2
6	:156 1/2	155 1/8	155 3/8-1/2	:159 7/8	159	159 3/8-1/2	:162 7/8	162 1/8	
Saturday									
Sunday									
9	:155 3/4	154 1/2	154 1/2 b	:154 7/8	154 7/8	:159 5/8	158 1/4	158 1/2-5/8	:162 5/8
10	:155	154 3/8	154 7/8	:158 5/8	158	158 3/8-1/2	:161 3/8	160 1/2	161 1/8-1/4
11	:156 1/2	154 7/8	156	:160	158 5/8	159 3/8-1/2	:162 5/4	161 1/2	162 3/8
12	:156 1/4	155 3/8	155 1/2	:159 5/8	158 1/2	158 7/8-59	:162 1/2	161 3/8	161 7/8-62
13	:156 1/2	155 1/2	156 1/2	:159 3/4	158 5/8	159 5/8-3/4	:162 3/4	161 1/2	162 1/2-5/8
Saturday									
Sunday									
16	:156 5/8	156	156	:157	156	:159 5/3	158 3/4	158 7/8-59	:162 3/4
17	:157 3/4	156	157	:160 1/4	156 3/4	159 5/8-3/4	:163 1/4	162 1/8	162 5/8
18	:159 1/2	156 3/4	158 7/8	:162 1/8	159 5/8	161 1/4-3/8	:165 1/4	162 5/8	164 1/4-3/4
19	:158 7/8	158 1/4	158 1/2-5/8	:161 7/8	161	161 1/4-3/8	:165	164	1/2-5/8
20	:158 3/8	157 1/2	157 1/2-7/8	:161 3/8	160 5/8	160 5/8-3/4	:164 1/2	163 5/8	163 5/8-3/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
23	---	---	---	:160 1/4	158 1/2	158 3/4	:162 3/4	161 1/2	161 3/4
24	---	---	---	:160 1/8	159	160-60 1/8	:163 3/8	162 1/8	163-63 1/8
25	---	---	---	:160	158 3/4	159 1/4-3/8	:163 1/8	161 7/8	162 1/4
26	---	---	---	:159 5/8	158 3/4	159 3/8	:162 3/4	161 3/4	162 3/8-1/2
27	---	---	---	:160 1/8	159 3/8	159 7/8-60	:163 1/4	162 5/8	163
Saturday									
Sunday									
30	---	---	---	:158 3/4	156 3/8	156 1/2-5/8	:161 1/2	159 1/2	159 1/2-5/8
31	---	---	---	:157 1/2	155	156 7/8-57	:160 5/8	158 1/4	160 1/4-3/8

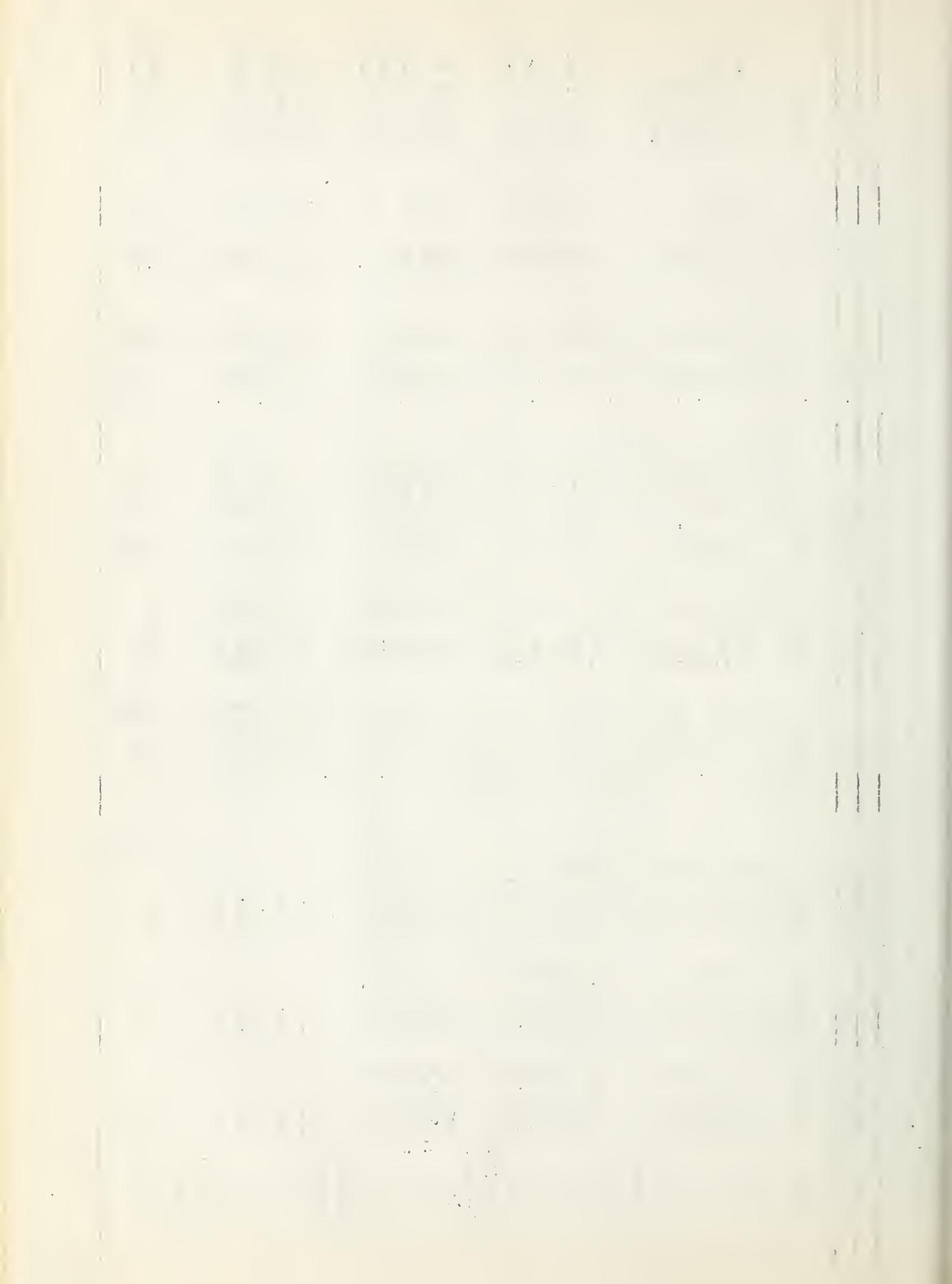


Table 12. OATS: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
<u>March</u>				
Sunday				
2	14,994	235	97	15,326
3	10,121	449	53	10,623
4	7,517	227	19	7,763
5	4,719	171	36	4,926
6	7,178	312	60	7,550
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	12,766	232	61	13,059
10	7,152	371	36	7,559
11	5,150	312	73	5,535
12	5,542	328	56	5,926
13	4,182	151	26	4,359
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	3,318	208	13	3,539
17	3,799	304	14	4,117
18	4,385	190	18	4,593
19	5,812	103	58	5,973
20	5,960	237	46	6,243
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	5,101	301	33	5,435
24	3,508	251	37	3,796
25	3,721	175	23	3,919
26	6,047	173	41	6,261
27	3,010	179	24	3,213
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	23,269	658	69	23,996
31	15,827	630	57	16,514
Total				
Mar. 1953	163,078	6,197	950	170,225
Feb. 1953	250,974	9,842	1,645	262,461
Mar. 1952	191,861	6,608	2,574	201,043

Table 13. OATS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future					All futures
	March	May	July	September	December	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953 March						
Sunday						
2	6,199	4,815	3,305	623	52	14,994
3	3,578	4,252	1,818	406	67	10,121
4	2,032	2,772	2,162	519	32	7,517
5	1,314	1,880	1,211	248	66	4,719
6	1,766	3,592	1,206	361	253	7,178
Saturday						
Sunday						
9	949	6,107	4,294	1,041	375	12,766
10	683	3,335	2,154	653	327	7,152
11	458	2,501	1,388	650	153	5,150
12	666	2,493	1,853	426	104	5,542
13	314	2,048	1,256	379	185	4,182
Saturday						
Sunday						
16	257	1,664	983	365	49	3,318
17	571	1,986	751	344	147	3,799
18	631	2,467	826	282	179	4,385
19	551	3,044	1,446	357	414	5,812
20	1,559	3,280	664	356	101	5,960
Saturday						
Sunday						
23	---	3,093	1,232	572	204	5,101
24	---	1,664	1,011	609	224	3,508
25	---	2,254	956	409	10?	3,721
26	---	3,229	1,857	682	,279	6,047
27	---	1,635	458	587	330	3,010
Saturday						
Sunday						
30	---	13,022	6,820	2,418	1,009	23,269
31	---	7,817	4,984	1,858	1,168	15,827
Total						
Mar. 1953	21,528	78,950	42,635	14,145	5,820	163,078
Feb. 1953	79,017	112,199	42,701	16,752	305	250,974
Mar. 1952	15,692	102,661	45,064	22,947	5,497	191,861

Table 14. OATS: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
March				
Sunday				
2	66,381	5,407	396	72,184
3	66,456	5,308	372	72,136
4	65,725	5,297	375	71,397
5	65,449	5,260	363	71,072
6	65,271	5,178	356	70,805
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	64,300	5,157	336	69,793
10	63,958	5,045	334	69,337
11	63,798	5,087	327	69,212
12	63,471	5,039	282	68,792
13	63,576	5,009	274	68,959
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	62,880	5,031	275	68,186
17	62,740	4,935	275	67,950
18	62,715	4,936	279	67,930
19	63,164	4,929	289	68,382
20	63,738	4,902	288	68,928
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	63,220	4,859	301	68,380
24	63,304	4,801	306	68,411
25	63,542	4,786	315	68,643
26	63,697	4,834	312	68,843
27	63,561	4,824	324	68,709
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	61,451	4,846	312	66,609
31	59,509	4,724	332	64,565

Table 15. OATS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	December		
	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	
1953 <u>March</u>							
Sunday							
2	7,876	38,587	15,281	6,377	260	66,381	
3	6,585	39,517	13,677	6,377	300	66,456	
4	4,935	39,370	14,571	6,546	303	65,725	
5	3,988	39,660	14,937	6,529	335	65,449	
6	3,807	39,277	15,123	6,493	571	65,271	
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	2,800	39,078	14,997	6,514	911	64,300	
10	2,514	38,956	14,917	6,492	1,079	63,958	
11	2,295	38,935	14,771	6,619	1,178	63,798	
12	2,343	38,571	14,722	6,603	1,232	63,471	
13	2,078	38,866	14,605	6,755	1,372	63,676	
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	1,591	38,737	14,512	6,643	1,397	62,880	
17	1,306	38,670	14,562	6,735	1,467	62,740	
18	1,195	38,528	14,644	6,746	1,602	62,715	
19	818	38,827	14,885	6,771	1,863	63,164	
20	525	39,489	14,888	6,906	1,930	63,738	
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	50	39,234	14,877	7,017	2,042	63,220	
24	---	39,156	14,936	7,011	2,201	63,304	
25	---	39,101	15,063	7,155	2,223	63,542	
26	---	38,949	15,185	7,207	2,356	63,697	
27	---	38,861	15,180	7,199	2,321	63,561	
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	---	36,537	15,410	7,108	2,396	61,451	
31	---	34,970	15,313	6,563	2,663	59,509	

Table 16. OATS: Daily closing prices, Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg, and rate of exchange, Canadian Currency
March 1953

Date	1953 May future			Canadian Currency	
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Winnipeg	Closing Quotation	2/
	Board of Trade	Grain Exchange	Grain Exchange		
1953					
March	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u> 1/	<u>Percent</u>	
Sunday					
2	74 3/4-75	72 3/8	77	1 11/16	Premium
3	74 7/8-75	72 1/8	76 7/8	1 11/16	"
4	74 1/2-5/8	71 7/8 b	76 1/2 b	1 3/4	"
5	74 5/8-3/4	72 1/8 b	76 5/8	1 11/16	"
6	75-75 1/8	73 1/4	76 3/4 b	1 5/8	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	73 1/2-5/8	72 3/8	74 1/4 b	1 11/16	"
10	73 5/8-3/4	72	75	1 5/8	"
11	74 1/8-1 1/4	72 1/2 a	75 5/8	1 1/2	"
12	74-74 1/8	72 1/2 b	75 5/8	1 9/16	"
13	74 3/4-7/8	73 1/8 b	76 5/8	1 1/2	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	74-74 1/8	72 5/8 a	76	1 1/2	"
17	74 1/4-3/8	72 3/4	76 1/2	1 1/2	"
18	74 3/4-7/8	73 1/8 a	77	1 9/16	"
19	74 7/8-75	73 3/8 b	77 3/4	1 5/8	"
20	74 5/8-3/4	73 1/8	77 5/8	1 3/4	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
23	73 1/2-5/8	72	76 3/8 b	2 1/16	"
24	74 1/8	72 1/2 b	77 1/4 b	1 15/16	"
25	73 5/8-3/4	71 3/4	77	1 15/16	"
26	73 5/8-3/4	72 1/8	76 7/8 b	1 7/8	"
27	74-74 1/4	72 3/8 b	77 7/8	1 7/8	"
Saturday					
Sunday					
30	69 3/4-7/8	69 1/2	74 5/8	1 15/16	"
31	70 3/8-1 1/2	69 1/2	74 5/8	1 15/16	"

1/ Quotations converted into U. S. currency.

2/ Basis for converting closing prices on foreign markets into U. S. value.

NOTE: Canadian currency quotations furnished by a large Chicago bank.

Table 17. OATS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday									
2	74	71 1/2	73 3/4-7/8	75 1/8	73 3/4	74 3/4-75	76 5/8	76 3/8-1/2	
3	74 1/4	73 1/2	73 5/8-7/8	75 1/4	74 1/2	74 7/8-75	76 3/4	76 3/8-1/2	
4	73 7/8	73	73 1/4-3/8	74 7/8	74 3/8	74 1/2-5/8	76 1/2	75 7/8-76	
5	73 3/4	73 1/8	73 5/8-3/4	74 7/8	74 3/8	74 5/8-3/4	76 3/8	76 1/8-1/4	
6	74 1/4	73 3/8	74-74 1/8	75 3/8	74 1/2	75-75 1/8	76 5/8	76 3/8-1/2	
Saturday									
Sunday									
9	74	72 5/8	72 3/4-7/8	75	73 1/2	73 1/2-5/8	76 1/2	74 1/2-5/8	
10	73	72 1/2	72 7/8-73	73 7/8	73 5/8-3/4	74 7/8	74	74 5/8-3/4	
11	74 1/4	72 7/8	74 1/8-1/4	74 5/8	73 5/8	74 1/8-1/4	75 3/4	75 1/4	
12	74 3/4	74	74 3/8	74 5/8	73 7/8	74-74 1/8	75 3/4	75 1/2-5/8	
13	75	74 1/4	74 1/2-5/8	74 7/8	74 1/8	74 3/4-7/8	76 1/4	75 1/2	
Saturday									
Sunday									
16	74 1/2	73 3/4	74 3/8-1/2	74 5/8	74	74-74 1/8	76	75 1/4	
17	75 1/8	74 3/8	74 1/2-5/8	74 5/8	74	74 1/4-3/8	76 1/8	75 3/4-7/8	
18	75	74 1/2	74 3/4-75	75	74 1/8	74 3/4-7/8	76 3/8	76 1/4-3/8	
19	75 7/8	74 3/4	74 7/8-75	75 1/4	74 7/8	74 7/8-75	76 3/4	76 1/4-3/8	
20	75 1/4	74	74-75 1/4	75	74 1/2	74 5/8-3/4	76 1/4	75 1/2	
Saturday									
Sunday									
23	---	---	---	74 5/8	73 1/2	73 1/2-5/8	75 1/2	74 5/8	74 3/4-7/8
24	---	---	---	74 1/4	73 5/8	74 1/8	75 1/2	74 7/8	75 1/2
25	---	---	---	74 3/8	73 1/2	73 5/8-3/4	75 5/8	75	75-75 1/8
26	---	---	---	74	72 3/4	73 5/8-3/4	75 1/4	74 1/4	75
27	---	---	---	74 1/4	73 5/8	74-74 1/4	75 1/2	75	75 1/4-3/8
Saturday									
Sunday									
30	---	---	---	73	68 1/8	69 3/4-7/8	74 1/4	70 7/8	71 3/8-1/2
31	---	---	---	70 3/4	68 7/8	70 3/8-1/2	72	70 1/4	71 3/4-7/8

Table 18. RYE: Volume of trading, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
March				
Sunday				
2	2,511	17	16	2,544
3	2,743	32	14	2,789
4	3,118	34	21	3,173
5	1,563	1	10	1,574
6	1,754	25	---	1,779
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	5,033	63	23	5,149
10	2,243	25	26	2,294
11	1,958	22	22	2,002
12	1,870	19	11	1,900
13	1,402	12	38	1,452
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	2,393	29	2	2,424
17	2,055	11	8	2,074
18	1,844	10	11	1,865
19	2,986	21	7	3,014
20	1,056	36	2	1,094
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	3,832	29	8	3,869
24	1,952	18	---	1,970
25	3,209	79	3	3,291
26	2,517	19	3	2,539
27	1,601	13	1	1,615
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	6,037	16	8	6,081
31	6,117	56	9	6,182
Total				
Mar. 1953	59,824	587	243	60,654
Feb. 1953	55,642	819	360	56,821
Mar. 1952	34,780	2,087	614	37,481

Table 19. RYE: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	March	May	July	September	
	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	
1953	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
March	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Sunday					
2	---	1,163	1,043	305	2,511
3	---	1,532	964	247	2,743
4	---	1,696	1,139	283	3,118
5	---	1,042	362	159	1,563
6	---	957	648	149	1,754
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	---	2,750	1,817	496	5,063
10	---	1,102	870	271	2,243
11	---	1,139	540	279	1,958
12	---	963	712	195	1,870
13	---	696	513	193	1,402
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	---	1,258	921	214	2,393
17	---	1,165	711	179	2,055
18	---	1,036	568	240	1,844
19	---	1,481	1,237	268	2,986
20	---	562	376	118	1,056
Saturday					
Sunday					
23	---	2,094	1,200	538	3,832
24	---	1,151	576	225	1,952
25	---	1,787	1,151	271	3,209
26	---	1,302	960	255	2,517
27	---	877	584	140	1,601
Saturday					
Sunday					
30	---	2,958	2,332	747	6,037
31	---	2,905	2,433	779	6,117
Total					
Mar. 1953	---	31,616	21,657	6,551	59,824
Feb. 1953	50	32,521	15,135	7,936	55,642
Mar. 1952	---	22,659	9,510	2,611	34,780

Table 20. RYE: Open contracts, all futures combined, by markets
March 1953

Date	Chicago Board of Trade	Minneapolis Grain Exchange	Other contract markets	Total
1953 <u>March</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>	1,000 <u>bushels</u>
Sunday				
2	20,488	535	136	21,159
3	20,511	527	136	21,174
4	20,875	537	131	21,543
5	20,897	536	138	21,571
6	20,931	524	138	21,593
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	20,936	503	124	21,563
10	20,858	518	113	21,489
11	20,654	523	117	21,294
12	20,869	531	106	21,506
13	20,755	526	69	21,350
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	21,201	521	71	21,793
17	21,289	522	66	21,877
18	21,303	523	65	21,891
19	21,472	517	67	22,056
20	21,445	513	66	22,024
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	21,032	513	68	21,613
24	21,200	517	68	21,785
25	21,373	464	70	21,907
26	21,310	462	68	21,840
27	21,231	458	67	21,756
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	20,142	459	70	20,671
31	19,530	444	68	20,042

Table 21. RYE: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future				All futures
	March	May	July	September	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953					
<u>March</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>	<u>1,000 bushels</u>
Sunday					
2	---	12,198	5,705	2,585	20,488
3	---	12,054	5,865	2,592	20,511
4	---	12,058	6,213	2,604	20,875
5	---	12,004	6,264	2,629	20,897
6	---	12,011	6,279	2,641	20,931
Saturday					
Sunday					
9	---	11,944	6,398	2,594	20,936
10	---	11,891	6,369	2,598	20,858
11	---	11,686	6,390	2,578	20,654
12	---	11,727	6,514	2,628	20,869
13	---	11,617	6,554	2,584	20,755
Saturday					
Sunday					
16	---	11,864	6,741	2,596	21,201
17	---	11,897	6,810	2,582	21,289
18	---	11,779	6,904	2,620	21,303
19	---	11,945	6,893	2,634	21,472
20	---	11,889	6,939	2,617	21,445
Saturday					
Sunday					
23	---	11,763	6,838	2,431	21,032
24	---	11,792	6,956	2,452	21,200
25	---	11,850	7,022	2,501	21,373
26	---	11,682	7,157	2,471	21,310
27	---	11,517	7,233	2,481	21,231
Saturday					
Sunday					
30	---	10,652	7,084	2,406	20,142
31	---	10,161	6,912	2,457	19,530

Table 22. RYE: Daily closing prices, at Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg
March 1953

Date	1953 May future			Winnipeg Grain Exchange
	Chicago	Minneapolis	Grain Exchange	
	Board of Trade	Minneapolis	Grain Exchange	
1953				
March	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u> 1/
Sunday				
2	180	175 5/8 b	166 3/8	
3	181 1/2-3/4	177 1/4 a	168 3/8	
4	179 3/4	174 5/8 a	165 3/4	
5	180 1/4	175 1/4 a	166 3/8	
6	180-80 1/8	175 1/8 b	166 1/8 b	
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	176-76 1/4	170 3/4 a	162 3/4	
10	176 1/2-3/4	171 3/8 b	163 7/8	
11	178 1/4-1/2	173 1/4 a	164 1/2	
12	177 3/4-78 1/4	172 3/8 a	163 1/2	
13	179-79 1/4	174 1/4 b	165 1/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	176 3/4-77 1/4	172 1/4 a	162 5/8 b	
17	177-77 1/8	172 1/4 a	162 7/8	
18	178 1/2-79	173 1/2 a	164 1/2	
19	179 1/2-3/4	174 1/2 b	165 1/8 b	
20	178 1/2-3/4	173 1/2 a	165 5/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	174 3/4-75	170 1/4 a	163 3/8	
24	176 3/4-77	171 3/4 b	164 5/8	
25	174 1/8-1/4	169 b	162	
26	174 1/4	168 1/2 a	162 1/4	
27	175 1/2-3/4	170 1/2 b	163 7/8	
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	170 1/2-3/4	165 1/4 b	158 1/2	
31	168 1/2	163 7/8 a	158 1/4	

1/ Quotations converted into U. S. currency.

Table 23. RYE: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1953

Date	1953 May future			1953 July future			1953 September future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953 March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
Sunday									
2	180 1/2	178	180	183 1/4	180 5/8	182 1/2-3/4	185 3/4	184	185 1/4
3	182 1/2	179 1/2	181 1/2-3/4	185 3/4	182 1/2	184 1/2-85	188	185	188
4	182	179 1/4	179 3/4	184 5/8	182 1/4	182 1/2-3/4	187 3/4	185	186 a
5	181	179 1/2	180 1/4	184	182 1/2	183 1/4	186 3/4	185 1/4	186 1/2
6	180 3/4	179 1/2	180-80 1/8	183 3/4	182 1/2	182 1/2-3/4	187 1/4	186	186 1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
9	179 3/4	176	176-76 1/4	182 1/4	178 1/2	178 1/2-79	185 3/4	182	182 1/4
10	177 1/4	175 1/4	176 1/2-3/4	180 1/4	178 1/4	179 1/4	183	181	182 1/2
11	179 1/2	177	178 1/4-1/2	182 1/4	180	181 1/4-1/2	185	183 1/2	184 1/2
12	179 1/2	177	177 3/4-78 1/4	182 1/2	180	180 3/4	185 1/4	183 1/4	184 1/4
13	179 3/8	177 1/2	179-79 1/4	182 1/4	180 1/2	182-82 1/4	185 1/4	183 1/2	184 3/4-85
Saturday									
Sunday									
16	179 1/4	176 3/4	176 3/4-77 1/4	182	180	180-80 1/4	185	182 3/4	182 3/4-83
17	178 3/4	176 1/2	177-77 1/8	181 5/8	179 3/4	180 1/4	184 1/2	182 1/4	182 1/4-1/2
18	179	176 1/2	178 1/2-79	182	179 3/4	181 3/4	184 1/4	182	184 b
19	180 3/4	178 3/4	179 1/2-3/4	183 1/2	182	182 1/2	186 1/2	184 1/2	184 3/4
20	180	178 1/2	178 1/2-3/4	182 3/4	181 1/2	181 1/2	184 1/2	183 1/2	183 3/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
23	178 1/4	174 3/4	174 3/4-75	181	178	178 1/4	183	181	181 1/2
24	177	175 1/4	176 3/4-77	180 1/4	178 1/2	180	183 1/4	182 1/8	183
25	177	173 1/2	174 1/8-1/4	180 1/4	177	177 1/2	182 1/2	180	180 3/4-81
26	175 3/4	173 1/4	174 1/4	179	176 5/8	177 1/2	182	180	181
27	176 1/2	174 3/4	175 1/2-3/4	179 1/2	177 3/4	179-79 1/4	182 1/2	181	182 1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
30	173 1/2	170 1/4	170 1/2-3/4	176 1/2	173 1/4	173 1/2-3/4	179 1/2	177	177 1/2
31	171 3/4	166	168 1/2	174 3/4	169 1/4	172	172 1/4	175 1/4	175 1/4

Table 24. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future			All futures
	March	May	1,000 pounds	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
1953				
<u>March</u>				
Sunday				
2	1,500	---	---	1,500
3	300	---	---	300
4	---	---	---	---
5	1,500	---	---	1,500
6	300	---	---	300
Saturday				
Sunday				
9	---	---	---	---
10	---	300	300	300
11	---	---	---	---
12	300	---	---	300
13	---	---	---	---
Saturday				
Sunday				
16	---	---	---	---
17	---	---	---	---
18	---	---	---	---
19	---	---	---	---
20	600	---	---	600
Saturday				
Sunday				
23	---	---	---	---
24	---	---	---	---
25	---	---	---	---
26	---	---	---	---
27	---	---	---	---
Saturday				
Sunday				
30	---	---	---	---
31	---	---	---	---
Total				
Mar. 1953	4,500	300	4,800	
Feb. 1953	4,800	---	4,800	
Mar. 1952	38,200	81,500	124,200	1/

1/ Includes 4,500 July future

Table 25. GRAIN SORGHUMS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future		All futures
	March	May	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	
1953 <u>March</u>			
Sunday			
2	3,000	900	3,900
3	3,000	900	3,900
4	2,700	900	3,600
5	1,800	900	2,700
6	1,500	900	2,400
Saturday			
Sunday			
9	1,200	900	2,100
10	1,200	600	1,800
11	1,200	600	1,800
12	900	600	1,500
13	900	600	1,500
Saturday			
Sunday			
16	900	600	1,500
17	900	600	1,500
18	900	600	1,500
19	900	600	1,500
20	1,500	600	2,100
Saturday			
Sunday			
23	900	600	1,500
24	900	600	1,500
25	900	600	1,500
26	---	600	600
27	---	600	600
Saturday			
Sunday			
30	---	600	600
31	---	600	600

Table 26. GRAIN SORGHUMS: High, low and closing prices, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
March	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
1953						
March						
Sunday						
2	---	---	314 b-20 a	---	---	324 n
3	316	315	316 b	---	---	316 b-24 a
4	---	---	316 b-18 a	---	---	322 a
5	316	316	316	---	---	316 b-20 a
6	316	316	316	---	---	316 b-20 a
Saturday:						
Sunday						
9	---	---	316 b-20 a	---	---	315 b-20 a
10	---	---	320 a	319	319	319
11	---	---	317 1/2b-18 a	---	---	320 a
12	318	317 a	317 a	---	---	320 a
13	---	---	315 a	---	---	318 a
Saturday:						
Sunday						
16	---	---	314 a	---	---	320 a
17	---	---	312 a	---	---	315 a
18	---	---	308 a	---	---	312 a
19	---	---	305 a	---	---	311 a
20	300	300	300	---	---	311 n
Saturday:						
Sunday						
23	---	---	---	---	---	311 n
24	---	---	---	---	---	308 a
25	---	---	---	---	---	308 a
26	---	---	---	---	---	303 a
27	---	---	---	---	---	300 a
Saturday:						
Sunday						
30	---	---	---	---	---	300 n
31	---	---	---	---	---	300 n

Table 27. SOYBEANS: Volume of trading, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953 March							
Sunday							
2	3,760	9,016	3,410	324	325		16,835
3	3,483	8,339	4,200	326	447		16,795
4	2,464	7,478	3,212	170	390		13,714
5	2,047	7,171	2,925	197	263		12,603
6	2,048	6,389	2,271	136	316		11,160
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	2,053	7,258	2,901	302	329		12,843
10	2,567	7,090	2,790	227	585		13,259
11	3,254	11,717	4,892	264	462		20,589
12	1,865	8,943	4,242	545	671		16,266
13	2,222	7,915	4,057	547	538		15,279
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	2,368	7,136	4,817	593	413		15,327
17	1,350	6,399	3,092	406	417		11,664
18	1,526	7,190	2,591	170	478		11,955
19	1,838	4,849	3,294	344	338		10,663
20	4,483	6,705	2,468	399	452		14,507
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	---	8,326	4,024	272	608		13,230
24	---	8,318	4,035	696	382		13,431
25	---	6,023	2,672	456	133		9,284
26	---	8,579	4,407	396	321		13,703
27	---	7,704	3,064	463	393		11,624
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	---	10,288	5,243	1,037	1,567		18,135
31	---	11,692	6,201	820	1,256	200	20,169
Total							
Mar. 1953	37,328	174,525	80,808	9,090	11,084	200	313,035
Feb. 1953	70,174	132,769	41,511	6,028	5,221	---	255,703
Mar. 1952	32,620	112,688	57,779	11,861	7,126	---	222,074

NOTE: Trading in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during March 1953 amounted to approximately 98 percent of all trading in this commodity.

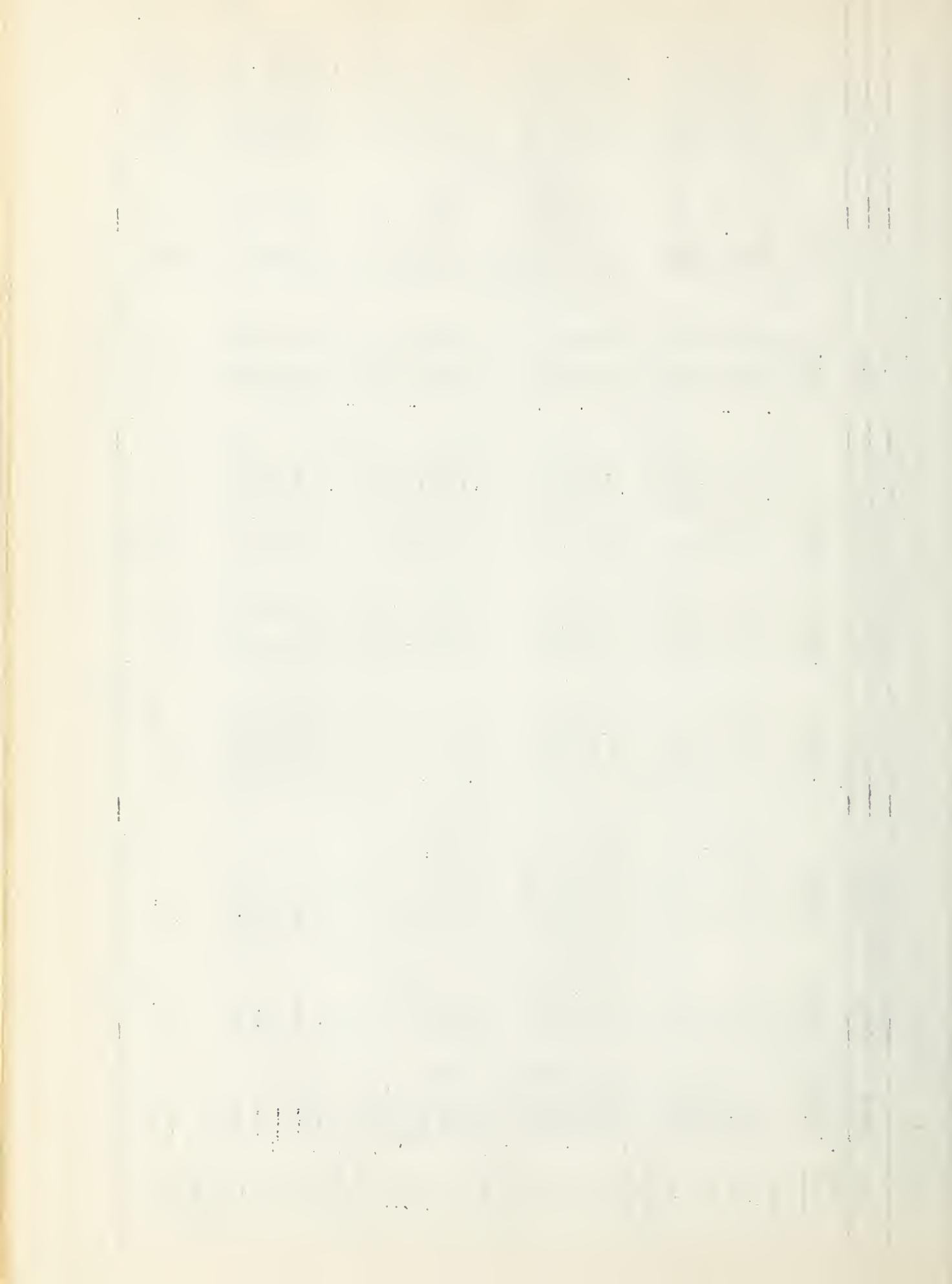
Table 28. SOYBEANS: Open contracts, Chicago Board of Trade
March 1953

Date	Future						All futures
	March	May	July	September	November	January	
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	
1953 March							
Sunday							
2	6,697	24,006	15,395	3,224	1,370		50,692
3	5,820	23,331	15,467	3,281	1,511		49,410
4	5,499	23,636	15,347	3,288	1,561		49,331
5	5,484	23,743	15,095	3,318	1,609		49,249
6	5,490	24,022	15,016	3,348	1,699		49,575
Saturday							
Sunday							
9	5,380	24,371	14,937	3,402	1,713		49,803
10	5,627	25,151	14,992	3,420	1,679		50,869
11	5,274	25,216	14,974	3,413	1,841		50,718
12	5,087	24,757	15,057	3,346	1,934		50,181
13	4,720	25,208	15,382	3,343	1,929		50,582
Saturday							
Sunday							
16	4,201	25,316	15,666	3,507	1,970		50,660
17	3,758	25,285	15,758	3,555	1,955		50,311
18	3,243	25,300	15,645	3,535	1,894		49,617
19	2,772	25,533	15,856	3,587	1,944		49,692
20	890	26,742	16,051	3,598	2,067		49,348
Saturday							
Sunday							
23	750	26,682	16,330	3,666	2,203		49,631
24	315	27,164	16,468	3,812	2,210		49,969
25	195	26,922	16,490	3,897	2,226		49,730
26	155	26,840	16,744	3,930	2,250		49,919
27	65	26,300	17,103	3,786	2,250		49,504
Saturday							
Sunday							
30	60	25,451	17,316	3,870	2,714		49,411
31	---	24,748	16,556	4,039	2,790	200	48,333

NOTE: Open contracts in Soybeans on the Chicago Board of Trade during the month of March 1953 accounted for over 99 percent of all futures contracts outstanding in this commodity.

Table 29. SOYBEANS: High, low and closing prices, three principal futures, Chicago Board of Trade, March 1953

Date	1953 March future			1953 May future			1953 July future		
	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing	High	Low	Closing
1953	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
March									
Sunday									
2	:299	293	1/2	298	3/4-99	:297 3/4	293 1/2	297 1/4-1/2	:295 3/4
3	:301	298	1/2-3/4	298	1/4-97 1/4	:299 1/4	296 1/2	297 3/4-98	:297 1/4
4	:299 1/4	296	3/4-97 1/4	297 3/4	295 1/4	296-96 1/4	295 3/4	297 3/4-94	:293 3/4-94
5	:299 1/2	297	1/4-1/2	298	1/4-1/2	:298	296 1/4	297 1/4-1/2	:295 1/2
6	:300 1/4	298	1/2-3/4	298	1/2-3/4	:299	296 3/4	297 1/2-3/4	:296 1/2
Saturday									
Sunday									
9	:299 1/4	295	3/4	295	3/4-96	:298 1/2	294 3/4	294 3/4-95	:296 1/4
10	:299 1/4	295	7/8	299-99 1/4	:297 1/4	294 1/4	296 3/4-97	:294 1/2	292 1/4
11	:304 1/4	299	1/2	302 1/4-1/2	:301 1/2	297 1/2	300 1/2-3/4	:298 1/2	294 1/2
12	:304 1/2	301	3/4	302 3/4-03	:302 1/2	299 1/2	300-300 1/4	:299 1/2	297 1/2
13	:306 1/2	302	3/4	306-06 1/4	:303 1/2	300 3/4	303 1/4-1/2	:300	297 1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
16	:306	302	1/4-1/2	302 1/2-3/4	:303 1/4	300 1/4	300 1/2-3/4	:300 1/4	297 1/2
17	:304 1/2	302	1/4-1/2	304 1/4-1/2	:302 1/4	299 1/2	300 1/4-1/2	:299 1/4	296 3/4
18	:304 3/4	301	1/8	304 1/4-1/2	:302 3/4	298 3/4	301 1/4-1/2	:298 3/4	295 3/4
19	:307	304	1/4	305 1/4-3/4	:302 3/4	301 1/4	301-01 1/4	:299 3/4	298-98 1/4
20	:306 7/8	304	1/4	305 1/4-3/4	:302 1/4	300 1/2	300 3/4-01	:299	297 1/4
Saturday									
Sunday									
23	---	---	---	---	---	300 5/8	297 1/4	297 1/2-3/4	:297 1/4
24	---	---	---	---	---	:301 3/4	298 1/4	301 1/2-3/4	:298 1/4
25	---	---	---	---	---	:302 1/2	299 7/8	300 3/4-01	:298 1/4
26	---	---	---	---	---	:303	299 1/4	302 1/4-1/2	:299 5/8
27	---	---	---	---	---	:304 1/2	302	303 1/2-04	:299 1/2
Saturday									
Sunday									
30	---	---	---	---	---	:301 1/2	297 3/4	297 3/4-98 1/4	:296 1/4
31	---	---	---	---	---	:300 1/2	296 3/8	300-300 1/4	:295



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